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**Maryland Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration**  
**Extend Intercounty Connector Public Comment Period**  
*Public Can Provide Input Through February 25, 2005*

**HANOVER, Md** (February 3, 2005) - The Maryland Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration have extended the period for public comment on the Intercounty Connector Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) from February 15 to February 25, 2005. All comments must now be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 25th through the project website or by mail to the Study Group offices located at the State Highway Administration's Baltimore headquarters. This is the second time the ICC Study Team has expanded the comment period from the 45 days required by law.

“By extending the comment period once again to a full 95 days, the ICC Study Team has demonstrated its ongoing commitment to obtaining public input on the DEIS,” said Transportation Secretary Robert L. Flanagan. “This is more than double the amount of time required by law. To date, well over a thousand comments have been received from interested citizens and organizations. I urge those who still want to participate in this process to take advantage of this extension and use any of the variety of avenues available to provide their input.”

Secretary Flanagan added, “Granting this extension required us to balance our desire to maximize public input on the one hand and the cost of delay on the other hand. Considering the \$12.5 million cost of one months delay in the project, further delay beyond February 25<sup>th</sup> would not be in the public interest.”

Comments may be sent via email by accessing the ICC Study website at: [www.iccstudy.org](http://www.iccstudy.org) and following the appropriate site links. The ICC Study Team can be reached by telephone at 1-866-462-0020. Public comments may be sent by letter to:

The State Highway Administration  
Office of Preliminary Planning and Engineering  
ICC Study Group  
707 North Calvert Street, Mail Stop C-301  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Those who wish to review the DEIS and associated technical documents may do so by visiting one of the community based locations where the DEIS and accompanying Technical Documents can be reviewed. Those sites include the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Upper Marlboro (14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive) in Prince George's County and the 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring location in Montgomery County. The documents may also be reviewed at SHA's District Three Offices at 9300 Kenilworth Avenue, Greenbelt and in the Baltimore area at SHA headquarters at 707 N. Calvert Street, the MdTA's Key Bridge Offices and at the Federal Highway Administration in Baltimore located at 10 S. Howard Street. For more information or to request a CD-Rom of the DEIS, please visit the ICC Study website at [www.iccstudy.org](http://www.iccstudy.org) or call 1-866-462-0020.

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### **Availability of Documents**

#### **DEIS and Supporting Technical Documents- Locations where citizens can sit and review the material:**

- DEIS and Technical Documents are available for review at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in Montgomery and PG Counties.
- The DEIS and Technical Documents are available for review at SHA in Baltimore and Greenbelt (9300 Kenilworth Ave, Greenbelt, MD).
- The DEIS and Technical Documents are available for review at the MDTA Key Bridge Offices
- The DEIS and Technical Documents are available for review at the Federal Highway Administration Offices in Baltimore.

#### **DEIS and Supporting Technical Documents- How citizens can download the information:**

- The DEIS and Technical Documents are available to be downloaded from the ICC project website: [www.iccstudy.org](http://www.iccstudy.org) (The State Highway Administration has repaired a previously corrupted file so it is working and available for download as of the evening of February 1, 2005.)

#### **DEIS Volumes I and II (without Technical Documents) are available for review at the following locations:**

**Aspen Hill Library**  
4407 Aspen Hill Road  
Rockville, MD 20853

**Beltsville Community Center**  
3900 Sellman Road  
Beltsville, MD 20705

**Bethesda-Chevy Chase**  
Regional Services Center  
4805 Edgemoor Lane  
Bethesda, MD 20814

**East County Recreation Center\***  
3310 Gateshead Manor  
Silver Spring, MD 20904

**Eastern Montgomery Services Ctr.\***  
3300 Briggs Chaney Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20904

**Fairland Community  
Recreation Center**  
14906 Old Columbia Pike  
Burtonsville, MD 20866

**Fairland Library**  
14910 Old Columbia Pike  
Burtonsville, MD 20866

**Laurel Library\***  
507 7th Street  
Laurel, MD 20707

**Laurel Municipal Center**  
8103 Sandy Springs Road  
Laurel, MD 20707

**M-NCPPC**  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

**Mid-County Services Center\***  
2424 Reddie Drive  
Wheaton, MD 20902

**Montgomery County  
Government Offices**  
101 Monroe Street  
Rockville, MD 20850

**Olney Library**  
3500 Olney Laytonsville Road  
Olney, MD 20832

**Prince George's County  
Government Offices**  
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Dr  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

**Ross Boddy Community Center**  
18529 Brooke Road  
Sandy Springs, MD 20860

**Rockville Library**  
99 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850

**Silver Spring Regional Services Ctr**  
8435 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

*\* Indicates information center that features  
map center*

**State Highway Administration  
District 3\***  
9300 Kenilworth Avenue  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

**Twinbrook Library**  
202 Meadow Hall Drive  
Rockville, MD 20851

**Wheaton Library**  
11701 Georgia Avenue  
Wheaton, MD 20902

**Upper County  
Community Center**  
8201 Emory Grove Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

**Upper County Regional  
Services Center**  
12900 Middlebrook Rd  
Germantown, MD 20874

**YMCA Upper Montgomery County**  
10011 Stedwick Road  
Montgomery Village, MD 20886

**SHA Fairland Shop**  
12020 Plum Orchard Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20904

**CD-ROMs of DEIS Volume I and II (without Technical Documents) are available for free by calling 1-866-462-0020.**

**Loaner Copies of DEIS Volume I and II are available to citizens. Two copies of Technical Documents available for loan:**

There are 18 copies of DEIS Volumes I and II and two copies of the associated Technical Documents available to be checked out for a two week period through the M-NCPPC. Twelve are located at the Montgomery Co. M-NCPPC offices (with one set of Technical Documents available there for loan) and six copies available at the Prince George's County M-NCPPC Offices (with one set of Technical Documents available there for loan).

**Copies are available for purchase:**

Copies of the DEIS Volumes I and II are available for purchase for \$390 plus shipping by calling the project study team at 1-800-462-0020.